







# People



Wesley Turner and Jennifer Wilson

## Pair set June 20 wedding

Jennifer Wilson and Wesley Turner announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The couple plan to exchange wedding vows June 20 in Calvary Baptist Church in Tulia. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Carla Martin of Canyon. She is a member of the 1998 Senior Class at Tulia High School and is employed at El Camino Restaurant in Tulia. The prospective groom is the son of Charlie and Earnestine Turner of Tulia and the grandson of Lois Waggoner of Dimmitt. He also is a senior at Tulia High School. He is employed at Grandy's in Tulia.

## 'Make-a-Wish' Concert set for 5 p.m. Saturday

A group of 80 former and present band members will stage a band concert Saturday at 5 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School auditorium to benefit the Amarillo chapter of the "Make-a-Wish" foundation.

The public is invited to enjoy the music and have an opportunity to donate to a worthwhile cause. Admission to the concert is free, although donations for the foundation will be solicited. Also, local businesses are being asked to make donations to help meet the fund-raising goal of \$5,000.

DHS Band Director Robin Stephens will direct the volunteer band, composed of several adults, including two former band directors—Evelyn Hadley and Jerry Jansa, as well as students selected from the Dimmitt high school, junior high, and sixth grade bands, along with two fifth graders. Sixth grader Tod Jansa will play a solo for one of the selections.

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava will act as master of ceremonies for the concert.

Musical selections will include *March of the Irish Guard*, *Evening Prayer* by Schaffer, *By Loch and Mountain* by Robert W. Smith, *Joyance* by Bruce Pierson, *In Praise of Gentle Pioneers* by David Holsinger, and *Lord of the Dance* from the stage show of the same name.

The concert also will include performances by vocalists Ed Garvin, speech teacher at DHS, who will sing *Standing Outside the Fire* by Garth Brooks; and Sharlamar Jackson, DHS student, who will sing *Candle on the Water*, from the movie *Pete's Dragon*.

The "Make A Wish" foundation grants wishes for terminally ill children and their families. Donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to the Make a Wish Foundation, Stephens said.

Stephens said those who want to make a donation may call him at 647-3105 (school) or 647-3659 (home).

"We are looking forward to a good time with this concert and we hope

to see a full house," Stephens said. He noted that the DHS band also will have pecans for sale in the foyer to raise funds for the band trip.

The dress rehearsal for the benefit band will be today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the auditorium, and the public is invited to drop by then, too.

## City-wide garage sale set June 6

The annual city-wide garage sale has been scheduled for June 6 and those interested in having a sale that day should contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce to have their sale registered for the event.

Flyers publicizing addresses where sales will be held will be distributed the day of the sale and the event will be advertised area-wide.

Registration is \$10 per listed address and those who wish to register their sale should call Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524.

## Sixth grade regional band concert slated

The Regional Honor Band Concert for sixth grade band members will be held Saturday at the Dimmitt High School auditorium at 4 p.m., and the public is invited to attend free of charge.

Selected band members from eight area schools, including Dimmitt Middle School, will participate in the concert and preceding clinic. Clinician and director for the concert will be Bryant Harris, former band director at Sundown.

DMS band director Teresa Carlisle is organizing the Honor Band event.

Following the Regional Concert, local band members will participate in a benefit concert at 5 p.m. to raise money for the Make A Wish Foundation.



Sammy Albracht and Tara Jo Johnson

## August vows planned

Joe and Jeanette Johnson of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tara Jo, to Sammy J. Albracht, son of Bill and Mary Ruth Albracht of Bushland.

The pair will exchange vows Aug. 8 in Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Nazareth High School, and is a senior at West Texas A&M University, where she is majoring in elementary education. She is employed at the West Texas Western Store in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo, and also is a senior at WTAMU. He is majoring in animal science. He is employed in his father's ranching business.

## WIC Saturday clinics to start this Saturday

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Office in Dimmitt is now offering Saturday clinics to meet the needs of working families.

The Saturday clinics will be offered on the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning Saturday.

No appointment is necessary, and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call the local office at 806-647-4240 during regular business hours.

Income guidelines for WIC are set at 185% of the OMB Poverty Level. A single person may only make as much as \$287 per week or \$14,893 annually to qualify for WIC programs. A family of four may make up to \$586 per week or \$30,433 annually. For a family of eight, the limit is \$984 per week, or \$51,153 annually. For each additional family member \$100 in weekly income or \$5,180 in annual income may be added.

WIC is an Equal Opportunity Program. If you feel you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap, call the State WIC office at 1-800-WIC-FOR-U (1-800-942-3678).

## Southern Plains Study Club sets meeting today in Canyon

The Promised Land Network (PLN) is hosting its first Southern Plains Study Club meeting for 1998 today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the First State Bank in Canyon, 1908 Fourth Avenue. The meeting is open to the public and will focus on the topic: "Environmentalism and Agriculture . . . Do We Have the Same Goal?"

The meeting agenda includes a facilitated discussion of the book *The Death of Nature: Women, Ecology and the Scientific Revolution* by Carolyn Merchant. An article by Michael Himes entitled "Creation and an Environmental Ethic" also will be discussed. The reading material provides some key ideas for bridging the concerns of agriculture and environmentalism.

Short presentations will be given by Mary Lou Bell, an Amarillo Master Gardener, and Dr. Clay Robinson of West Texas A&M University as responses to the reading material. Questions and further discussion will follow from these presentations.

The PLN, an ecumenical rural outreach, sponsors Southern Plains Study Club meetings as a format for public education on the long-term sustainability of regional agriculture and rural communities. Interested persons living outside the area or unable to attend the meeting can obtain information and summary notes by contacting the PLN office in Hereford at 806-364-4445, FAX 806-364-4005, or e-mail at <pln@wtrt.net>.

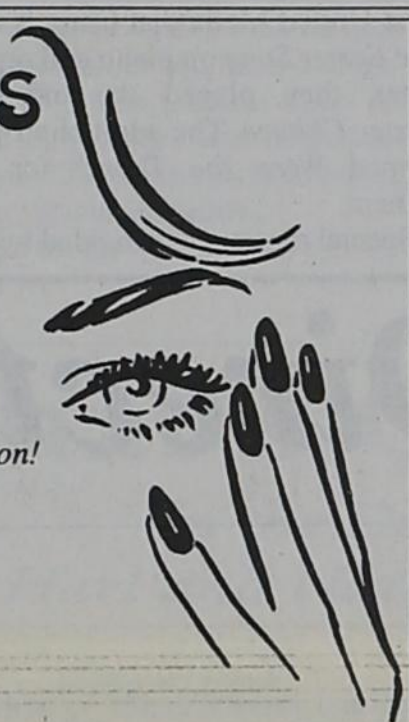
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from 10:30 to 12 noon

in the home of

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Selections at Coleman Pharmacy, Running M Bath Shop, Seale Florist and The Village Shop in Dimmitt and Dillards and Pier 9. (Bring or send your favorite recipes.)

## Dana Wall Scholarship deadline nears

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a 4-H or FFA member from the county this year and those interested in applying for the award should submit applications by 5 p.m. on Monday.

The scholarship will be awarded to a senior graduating from Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth this year, and all applicants must have taken the ACT or SAT college entrance exams.

Scholarship applications are available at the Extension office.



Jami Fewell

## Jami Fewell gets academic honor

Jami Fewell of Dimmitt has been named a United States National Award winner in business education.

Fewell, a student at Dimmitt High School, was nominated for the award by Kathy West, a teacher at the school.

Fewell's name and biography will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook, which is published nationally.

Fewell is the daughter of Jimmy Fewell of Dimmitt and stepdaughter of Debbie Fewell of Dimmitt; daughter of Elaine and stepdaughter of Bill of Clinton, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Oran and Ann Burton of Stinnett and Beth Cook of Clinton, Tenn.

## Class of 1988 to set reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1988 is making plans for a 10-year reunion.

The reunion is tentatively scheduled for mid-July.

Organizers said they need addresses of class members so that as many can be contacted as soon as possible. Any who know of the whereabouts of members of the class are asked to contact the reunion committee.

Committee members are having difficulty getting any leads on Carmen Banda, Millie Cordova, Lisa Garcia, Rebecca Juarez, Melissa Morales, and Alex Trigo.

Those wanting to send addresses of class members may send them to Class of '88, HCR 5 Box 25, Dimmitt 79027.

Also, those interested may contact Carla Schilling at 806-647-2401 or Carla Pybus Humphrey at 806-291-0004.

"We want to hear from everyone, and we would be glad to hear any ideas you may have for the reunion activities," Schilling said.



SHELLY NUTT with the Texas Corn Producers Board in Dimmitt explains how corn is raised, harvested and marketed to youngsters at Hart Elementary School Tuesday morning. The school sponsored a special program designed to help

students learn more about farm safety and agriculture in general. Texas Corn Producers Board, County Extension Agents and other ag professionals presented programs throughout the day.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Lions' district convention set

Representatives from 63 regional clubs are expected to take part in the 1998 District 2T2 Lion's Convention, which will be April 23-25 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center in Lubbock.

The convention, which is held in Lubbock every other year, will begin at 8 a.m. next Thursday, April 23, and will include members of Lions Clubs from the 22 counties across West Texas and the Panhandle.

Past International Director Thomas H. Matney is the guest speaker at the Saturday night Governor's White Jacket Banquet.

Matney served a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs following his election at the association's 77th convention several years ago. He is a member of Harrodsburg Lions Club and has received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions to the association.

The Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon an association member, will be presented during the convention.

Lubbock County Judge Don McBeath will speak at the Key

Member Breakfast on April 25. Convention organizers also have planned a golf tournament and will hold regular business sessions where members will elect new officers. A memorial service at the First Methodist Church Chapel in Lubbock will begin at 11:15 a.m. on April 25. During the service, the association will recognize members who have died.

Members will also select a district queen at a pageant and banquet slated for April 24. Contestants and queens from the various clubs represented at the conference will compete in the pageant. The winner will receive a \$750 scholarship.

Activities for spouses include a tour of Cactus Alley, and brunch on Saturday morning at the home of Charla Johnson. Guest speaker will be the acclaimed horticulturist, Roberta Davis.

Lions attending the convention can register at the door. Session, luncheon and banquet fees are separate. Participants may sign up for one or all of the conference events.

## 4-H'ers set beef raffle

Where's the beef? It's being raffled off by local 4-H'ers as a fund raising project.

A whole beef has been donated by Dimmitt Feed Yard, and the processing was donated by Earth Locker. Individuals can buy two chances to win a half beef for a donation of only \$1.

"Tickets may be obtained from any 4-H member or the Extension office, or call 647-2106 or 647-2520 and we will bring you some tickets," said Naicola Furr, 4-H parent leader. "We hope to be able to have the tickets sold and hold the drawing before the end of April."

The money will go toward the goal of \$20,000 for the construction of a meeting/educational building at the

4-H center north of town.

A local farmer-businessman has offered \$20,000 in matching funds if 4-H'ers are able to raise an additional \$20,000 for the project.

The "4-H'ers For Hire" project is continuing, with local citizens welcome to hire 4-H members to perform chores and then pay their wages to the 4-H building fund.

To schedule a time for work to be done by a 4-H member, call the Extension Office at 647-4115; or Earl Behrends at 647-4324 (work) or 276-5872 (home).

In addition, the 4-H has set up a trailer on the parking lot near Dimmitt Thriftway to collect aluminum cans. Other fund-raising activities will be scheduled at later dates.

## Chalk ArtFest set in Tulia

A Sidewalk Chalk ArtFest will be held in Tulia on May 2 and artists high school age or older are invited to participate.

The event is being sponsored by the Tulia Chamber of Commerce and entry fee of \$15 is due along with entry forms by April 15. For that fee, the artist will be able to create his or her chalk art in a 4' x 4' sidewalk block. Chalk will be furnished.

Grand prize is \$500 while the second-place entry will earn \$250 and third-place will qualify for \$100.

Entries received after April 15 will be charged \$25.

Theme for ArtFest is "Childhood Memories." All work is to be done by one individual, with no notes or coaching allowed. Participants are asked to check in at the gazebo on

the courthouse square in Tulia between 7 and 8 a.m. on May 2. Drawings must be completed by 12 noon that day.

Tulia artist Jill Wyatt will head the judging committee and entries will be judged between 12 noon and 2 p.m. on May 2. Winning artists must be present at the soda pop party, slated for 2 p.m. May 2 at the gazebo.

In the event of rain, the ArtFest and awards party will be held in the Swisher Memorial Building, and artist paper will be furnished for the canvas.

For a complete set of rules, including judging criteria, contact the Tulia Chamber of Commerce at PO Box 267, Tulia 79088 or call (806) 995-2296.

## What is Mentally Healthy?



By RON TRUSLER Executive Director Central Plains Center

We concentrate a lot on our physical health, and we should. Emotional or mental health is very important also. There are numerous ideas of what is mentally "healthy."

Some people who are greatly stressed for a long period of time may not be mentally healthy due to the strain and the drain on their emotions. Others may have some type of chronic mental illness. I think it is interesting how we think some times. The person who is greatly stressed may take some medication for relief—that is more accepted by the general public. However, when a person has a life-long mental condition that involves taking medication, the general public tends to think of that as bad or not healthy. Both instances are mental in nature and both involve medication—no shame in either one!

I now have to take medications to keep my heart from getting "all plugged up." Regardless of how well I eat, exercise, pray, treat others, or my family background, I have to take the medication from now on because my body produces stuff that will hurt me if I don't. I do not believe I am stigmatized because of that. In fact, it's probably a pretty smart thing to recognize where I have a need and do something about it, just as many others do.

If a person has a mental condition

and has to take medication for the rest of their life, I think that is a smart thing to do as well. It does not mean they haven't lived right, or have a bad family background, or are stupid, or aren't spiritual, etc. They recognize it is something they need to take and are doing something about it.

I fear there are many who still have a very old idea of what is mentally healthy and what those with mental illness can or can't do. There have been so many advances in treatment and medication that most people do not have to go to a state hospital like they used to. Now, many centers (like Central Plains Center) have services that help keep people working and living in their local communities. That is a good thing.

If you would like to know more about mental health, mental retardation and/or substance abuse and what is available, give me a call. If you would like a tour (as an individual or as a group), call me and it will be arranged. It might help all of us to understand more of what is really "mentally healthy."

## Who's New?

It's a boy, Cedrick Emanuel Ramirez, born April 6 at 1:53 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Plainview. He is the son of Manuel Ramirez and Lisa Cavazos. The infant weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Paternal grandparents are Manuel and Juanita Ramirez of Hart and Marcelina Perez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Eddie and Irene Cavazos of Dimmitt.



Sunday is the day  
She's going to have to pay  
For all those times she said  
we're old.  
We're going to be so bold  
And tell it out to you  
Her age will be  
**THIRTY-TWO!**

She's on the downhill side  
In fact she's beginning to slide  
Soon she'll be right up here  
With her co-workers so dear  
And so we say to our friend  
Middle age isn't the end!



Hospital Auxiliary members present Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan with a check for \$14,373.23, the results of their fund-raising projects during the past year, to help buy extra equipment for the hospital. The donation will go to purchase a life pack for the Emergency Medical Service and new stretchers for the ambulance service and the emergency room. Auxiliary members, from left, are Mary Edna Hendrix, Wanda Murdock, Ethyl Fry, Nelle DiCuffa, Lucille Drerup, Irene Blanton, Lois Scott, President Mattie Seale, and Edna Reinart.

## Thank You, Thank You!

During National Volunteers Week, the board, administration and staff of the Castro County Hospital District wish to publicly thank some of the greatest volunteers anywhere—the ladies of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary—for all the great work they perform. Ladies, we couldn't do without you!

### Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

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HART ELEMENTARY STUDENTS enjoy a puppet show featuring a variety of farm animals and other characters Tuesday during a special

Ag Day program at the school. Students were able to learn about farm life, farm safety and even got to pet farm animals. Photo by Anne Acker

# ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



## Sugar beet research may be continued

Sugar beet research in disease and weed resistance will continue at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Bushland in the event the Hereford beet processing plant is reopened as a market for regional farmers, said Kenneth Frye of Hereford, president of the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association.

Officials of Imperial Holly Sugar Corp. announced in February that the Holly beet processing plant here wouldn't open for processing this year due to a reduction in sugar beet acres in the region. However, there is a ray of hope that the plant could go back into production, Frye said.

"Imperial Holly officials are receptive to the idea of reopening the plant should we be able to secure 30,000 committed acres for area production," said Frye, who was among TNMSBGA directors who recently met with company officials in Sugar Land.

"So there is a need to continue with research to help find beet varieties with better disease resistance. Studies are also needed on new varieties with herbicide resistance in the 'Round Up Ready' category that would greatly benefit future beet production in our area," he said.

Frye said that with the uncertainty of the effects of "Freedom to Farm" and not knowing what lies ahead in farm policy, we need to explore all avenues to the possibility of the reopening of the refinery in the near future.

He said TNMSBGA's remaining finances will be used to help fund research and maintain a minimum maintenance of the association. Holly officials also have agreed to provide funding and seed for area research, according to Frye, and seed for area research also is being provided by other seed companies.

For further information, contact the TNMSBGA office at 806-364-6402.



**NEW LOCATION**—Insurance Solutions, Inc., has completed its move from its old location in the 100 block of East Bedford Street to its new Dimmitt location, 315 S. Broadway. The building, which formerly housed the NAPA Auto Parts Store, has been re-

painted and completely remodeled to provide a spacious suite of offices. The office staff includes (from left) Carolyn Jones, Kathy Middleton, Jimmie Middleton and Todd Pebsworth. The business previously was the Jones-Rawlings Agency.

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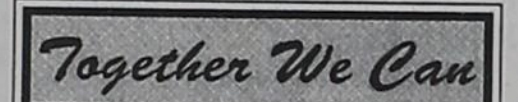
## TUNE IN!

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- SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL TALENT**.....8 a.m. daily
- MARKET REPORTS**.....40 past the hour, starting at 9:40 a.m., M-F

## KDHN 1470

### Correction

In last week's issue of the News, in information under a picture of Dimmitt High School students recognized for the State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Excellence honor, Ivan Flores was listed as Adam Flores. The News regrets the error.



## Farmers may treat cotton aphids with Furadan 4F

Texas cotton producers scored a major victory Friday when the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reversed its stand from last year and granted approval for use of flowable carbofuran on cotton.

EPA authorized the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) to issue a Section 18 emergency specific exemption for the use of Furadan 4F insecticide to control aphids in cotton. The exemp-

tion expires Sept. 30.

Without the use of Furadan 4F, Texas cotton farmers would have to use more expensive control methods to combat aphids, said Ag Commissioner Rick Perry. Because these methods are less effective, more pesticides would have been used in cotton fields across the state.

In notifying TDA of the Section 18, EPA said that FMC Corp., the manufacturer of Furadan 4F, has submitted a proposed label amendment for the registered label which would include foliar cotton application. EPA has not made a decision on this proposal and, as the notification letter states, unless FMC can "resolve the issues that have been identified by EPA, it is unlikely that the agency would authorize a continuation of this use to occur under Section 18 in the future."

In 1997 EPA denied a request from TDA to grant a Section 18 emergency specific exemption. With cotton producers facing more than \$40 million in potential losses from aphids, Perry issued a Section 24 © local need registration last August that allowed cotton producers immediate use of Furadan 4F insecticide as a foliar application in addition to an "at planting" application, as labeled.

Last October, when the Texas cotton season was winding down, EPA "declared invalid" the Section 24 © Special Local Need registration.

The emergency exemption for the 1998 crop year will be triggered within a county when a registered product fails to control severe aphid infestations. An agricultural Extension Service entomologist must certify in writing to TDA and EPA that aphids have reached the threshold level. Producers must be able to document failed control methods.

EPA requires that all applicators must attend a FMC stewardship program before applying Furadan 4F insecticide. Farmers must also report any adverse effects or misuse of

carbofuran applications.

According to the Section 18 exemption:

◆ The user must possess a copy of the Section 18 labeling at the time of application.

◆ Furadan 4F insecticide may be applied as a foliar application, using ground or aerial application, at a rate of 8 oz. (.25 lb. a.i.). A maximum of two applications may be made.

◆ A maximum of 900,000 pounds of carbofuran may be used to treat up to 1.8 million cotton acres in Texas.

◆ The user should not apply Furadan 4F directly to water, including immediately before or during irrigation. In addition, aerial applications should not be made within 200 yards or ground applications within 20 yards of bodies of water including rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. The insecticide should not be applied where run-off to aquatic habitat is likely to occur.

◆ TDA will extensively monitor for any bird mortality.

◆ All areas where Furadan 4F is being applied must post signs for 14 days.

◆ The use of closed mixing and loading systems for both aerial and ground application is required.

◆ All handlers and users must wear the proper protective clothing.

Growers should contact their local Texas Agricultural Extension Service or TDA Pesticide Registration at (512) 463-7407 for more information on proper application methods and restrictions. A copy of the EPA approval notice is available on TDA's website at [www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/furad98](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/furad98).

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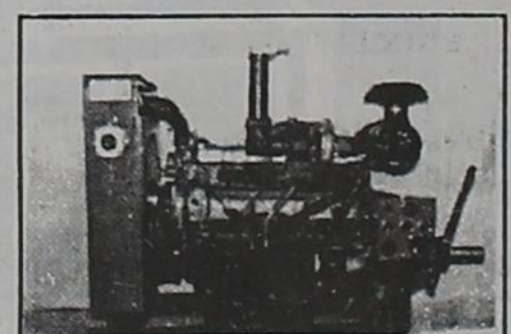
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By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

### Staying alive—A little driving advice

Last week I told you about Left-Lane Larry, Lane-Jumping Judy, Rubber-Necking Randy and Telephone-Talking Trisha. These folks are just a few of the daily highway menaces you may encounter as you drive to work.

Each year more than 40,000 people lose their lives needlessly on our streets and highways. Frequently, it's just an instant of inattention that costs a life. Don't become like the drivers below.

#### More bad drivers

◆ **Tail-Gating Tommy.** You'll often see Tommy exactly 11 feet behind Left-Lane Larry. Tommy doesn't realize that at 60 mph his car travels 88 feet per second. Tommy needs to learn the two-second rule. Always leave at least two seconds between you and the vehicle ahead. Use a fixed point. When the car ahead passes that point, count slowly 1001, 1002 and you should not have passed the point.

◆ **Ramp-Stopping Ruby.** Ruby wants to use the freeway, but hasn't learned to enter the traffic flow at the speed of the traffic. She panics at the end of the ramp and stops. Then she has to wait for a huge space to get in. It almost never happens. Finally, in desperation, Ruby dives in and lights up brake lights for a quarter of a mile up the freeway.

◆ **Over-His-Head Harry.** Harry loves speed. You'll find Harry driving at speeds too fast for road conditions. A little snow, ice, fog or rain never slows Harry down. The speed gives him a rush. Never mind that he's driving way over his skill level. You'll often see Harry sitting in the median wondering what happened. Harry needs to learn to adjust his speed to driving conditions.

◆ **Makeup-Mopping Mary.** Mary loves her face. Mary loves to look at her face. Mary likes to have her makeup fresh and perfect. Why waste all that time driving when you can freshen your makeup? Mary should mind her makeup at home. Breaking glass is hard on your face.

◆ **Eatin' Eddie.** Eddie loves to eat. He has found a way to hold the wheel and a bag of French fries. He can also hold the wheel with his knee if he needs both hands for the triple decker with extra mayo. The soda and shake he holds between his legs. Not the hot coffee, though—Eddie's no dummy.

◆ **Baby-Sitting Betty.** Betty knows the importance of family. She takes good care of her children. They are properly buckled in their car seats. She turns around frequently to check on them. If Betty doesn't pay more attention to the road, she and the children may get to take a family ride in the friendly ambulance.

◆ **Run-The-Light Ricky.** Ricky just has to make the stoplight without stopping. Even if he's half a block away he'll put the pedal to the metal to get through. He's been known to enter an intersection a full second after the light turns red.

◆ **Light-Jumping Jenny.** Jenny just has to be first through the light. She cleverly watches for the caution light on the cross street. When it comes on, she revs up her engine to get a quick jump. She and Ricky often meet by accident.

◆ **Wine-Sipping Winnie and Hard-Drinking Danny.** Here's a real pair to watch out for. These two cause nearly half of the fatal accidents on US highways. They are a direct menace. If you see either of these two drivers, call the Highway Patrol. No one has a right to drive alcohol-impaired. In Texas, call 1-800-5254-5555. Let's take the drunks off the road.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

## Follow-up underway for agriculture census

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) is beginning follow-up activities for the 1997 Census of Agriculture.

All census forms were due Feb. 2, although extensions were granted through April 1 for farmers and ranchers who requested them.

Those involved in farming or ranching in 1997 should have completed and returned the census forms by now.

"We have had excellent response to the census, but we must continue our efforts to achieve a complete count of Texas farms and ranches," said Dennis Findley, NASS-Texas State Statistician.

Findley said every census report is important, because census results will have an impact on all farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in the state and the nation.

Information from TASS said that it's important to the entire agricultural community that the 1997 Census of Agriculture be complete and accurate. Far-reaching decisions made by farm organizations, farm suppliers, bankers, local, state and federal policy makers, and many other will be based upon this information.

If you have not yet completed and

returned your census form, TASS asks that you do so today.

"If your census form isn't returned, TASS must contact you either by telephone or in person, and it is costly to make these contacts," a TASS spokesperson said. "Help keep the cost of the census down by taking the time to return your form now."

If you haven't received a form, have misplaced it or need assistance in completing it, call the census help line toll-free at 1-888-424-7828.

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## DHS Band selling pecans

The Dimmitt High School Band is selling shelled pecans at \$4.50 per one-pound package.

Ten cases of the nuts are available. "They would be great for Easter baking, or they freeze beautifully," said Sharon Kinser, a band booster spokesperson.

Proceeds from the pecan sale will go toward the band trip.

To order pecans, call 647-3491 or 647-3105 or any band member.

## Producers to get tips on battling boll weevils

Ways individual cotton producers can adjust their production systems this season to better manage boll weevils will be presented during a special three-hour workshop on Friday at the Texas Cotton Ginners Conference and Trade Show at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Without a coordinated weevil eradication program in operation on the Texas High Plains, individual growers are on their own this season in battling what is shaping up as a heavy onslaught by the insects, said Dr. Randy Boman, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

To help them and growers across Texas and in neighboring states mount the best possible attack on boll weevils, the Extension Service and Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., are

conducting the special workshop from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Producers who participate will receive continuing education units needed for state certification of pesticide applicators.

"On the South Plains, the state's largest and most concentrated cotton production region, we're looking at record numbers of weevils that went into overwintering habitat last season," said Boman.

Surveys by scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service are finding the survival rate of those overwintered weevils is very high, he said.

"What this points to is probably a record year for weevils in the Southern High Plains," Boman said.

The seminar will open with an overview of the weevil situation across the state by Dr. James Supak. He is the associate head of the department of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University and former Extension Service cotton agronomist at Lubbock.

Brant Baugh, Extension integrated pest management (IPM) agent in Lubbock County, will identify weak links in the weevil's biological structure.

Boll weevil management from start to finish will be covered by Phillip Kidd, Extension IPM agent in Terry and Yoakum counties. Proper timing of control efforts will be chronicled by Clyde Crumley, Extension IPM agent in Gaines County. Lubbock County Extension agricultural agent

Mark Brown will discuss the importance of planting for an early crop.

In-season management will be covered by Dr. Dan Krieg, Lehigh professor of crop physiology at Texas Tech University. Boman will discuss timely termination.

A panel of crop consultants will present their perspectives on crop

management for the 1998 season. Panel members will be Dana Palmer, John Hunter, Donald Kitten and Bob Glodt. Following a question and answer period, Dr. John Abernathy, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech, will summarize the situation.

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## Scout camp is set April 24-26

South Plains Council Cub Scouts can enjoy a weekend of fun at Camp Post in Post April 24 through 26.

Among the highlights of the camp are archery and BB gun ranges and more.

A camp fire program is planned for Saturday night and a pancake breakfast is set for Sunday morning.

Camp space is limited, and those interested should contact Randy Rockwell or Pete Buchholz at 1-800-658-9310 for reservations or information.

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# Sports



## Cats pound Tulia, 25-15

After losing several games via the 10-run rule, the Bobcats finally won one that way Tuesday when they topped the visiting Tulia Hornets 25-15 in five innings.

"It was great, I'm telling you," Bobcat Coach Bobby Feaster said. "I'm tickled to death."

Sergio Pedroza, who got the Bobcats' first hit, also got their last one when he sent a pitch by Tulia hurler Kevin Gomez deep into right field to drive home Derek Buckley and Wesley Wright with the final two runs that ended the 40-run marathon.

Virtually every Bobcat starter scored — if not on hits, then on Hornet fielding errors.

Zack Thomas, who relieved Derek Buckley on the mound in the second with the Bobcats trailing 5-9, was the winning pitcher. Losing hurler was Brent Burrow, the second of four Tulia pitchers who tried in vain to silence the Dimmitt bats.

The Hornets got off to a gangbusters start as Burrow hit a

two-run homer and the Hornets added two more runs on a single and an error for an early 4-0 lead.

But the Bobcats tied it up in the bottom of the first. Sergio Pedroza, Sammy Prieto, Matthews and Beau Hill crossed the plate during the rally, with Rusty Wooten getting two RBIs, Matthews one and Juary Cavazos one.

Tulia appeared bent on breaking it open when Cortez slapped a 2-1 pitch for a grand slam homer in the top of the second to give the Hornets a 9-5 lead with no outs. Matthews relieved Buckley and put out the fire with a pair of strikeouts and a pop-up.

Cortez faced only five batters in the bottom of the second as the Bobcats went hitless and scoreless.

But Matthews returned the favor in the top of the third as he faced only four. He whiffed Chris Gibson with three pitches, forced Kevin Gomez to ground out to shortstop, gave up a single, then struck out Ches Tucker.

Then the Bobcats struck for seven

runs in the bottom of the third. After Buckley scored M. Pedroza on a ground-out, Wright connected on a 1-2 pitch and sent it over the left field fence for a two-run homer. Also scoring in the inning were Cavazos, S. Pedroza, Louis Silva, Matthews and Hill. The rally put the Bobcats out front, 11-9.

Tulia added four runs in the fourth, including a two-run homer by Cortez, to recapture the lead, 13-11.

In the bottom of the fourth, the roof fell in on the Hornets. Between the Dimmitt hitting and the Tulia fielding errors, the Bobcats piled up 11 runs to take a 22-13 lead.

Wright scored two runs, including an exciting double steal at third and home after a fielder's error. Buckley and Prieto also scored two runs apiece in the inning. Other Bobcats scoring in the fourth-inning slugfest were Sergio and Michael Pedroza, Hill, Navarro and Matthews.

Tulia fought back with two runs in the top of the fifth to make it 22-15.

But in the bottom of the inning the Bobcats wrapped it up. With two outs and nobody on, the Bobcats worked a pair of walks and an RBI single by Wright, then S. Pedroza got his game-ending clout to deep right field to drive in Dimmitt's 24th and 25th runs and end the game.

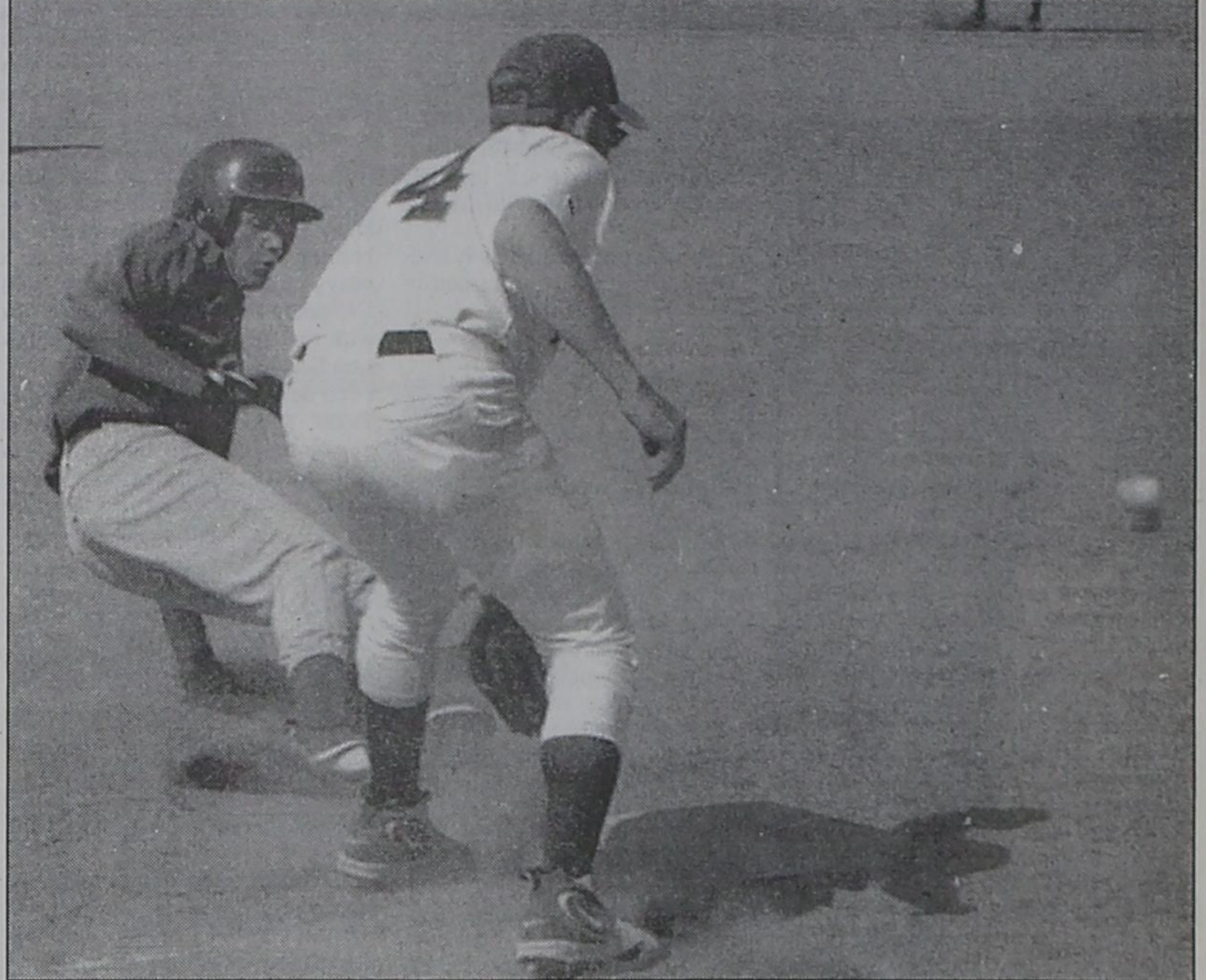
"We didn't play very well, but we still made the plays when we had to," Coach Feaster said. "Zack pitched a great game; Wesley got that home run; we got some key hits and did some great base-running. We did fine. I'm tickled."

The Dimmitt win left the Bobcats in sixth place in District 1-AAA with a 2-5 mark (7-9 overall), and kept the Hornets in the District 1-AAA cellar at 0-7 (2-9).

"The last four games, we've just played part of a game every game," Coach Feaster said. "We haven't played a complete game. We played (league-leading) Perryton off their feet for 4½ innings. We did the same with Fritch, River Road and Muleshoe — we just couldn't get a complete game in.

"Today, we played like we weren't going to get a complete game in, but we won it anyway.

"That's because of our boys' character."



NAZARETH'S DARREN HUCKERT beats the ball to third and slides safely in the fourth inning of the second game of a double header with Hartley last Thursday at Thompson Park in Amarillo. Huckert had doubled to get on base, then stole third. He walked home after Hartley walked the next batter.

Nazareth won the first game, 4-2, then destroyed Hartley in the second, 17-2, to improve to 4-0 in district play. The Swifts will meet Cotton Center (4-3, 3-0), there, Monday at 6 p.m. in a big District 1-A showdown.

Photo by Anne Acker



WESLEY WRIGHT gets an enthusiastic reception by his teammates as he crosses the plate with a two-run homer in the third inning of the Bobcats' district game against Tulia here Tuesday. Among the first to welcome him home are Juary Cavazos (20) and Sergio Pedroza (11). Wright's home run was part of a seven-run rally in the third for the Bobcats, who went on to win it, 25-15.

Photo by Don Nelson

### Ethridge pitches one-hitter

## Swifts keep District 1-A streak alive, claiming two from Hartley

Shane Ethridge pitched a one-hitter and struck out 10 Hartley batters to lead the Swifts to a 4-2 win last Thursday.

The Swifts and Tigers squared off in a District 1-A doubleheader at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

Nazareth went on to take the second contest, 17-2, in a game halted after the fourth inning by the 10-run mercy rule.

The Swifts improved to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in district play with last Thursday's wins.

Hartley had just one base runner in the first inning, and that came after second batter Giesbrecht was hit by an Ethridge pitch.

Giesbrecht stole second, then third, but he was stranded there after Ethridge retired the next two Tiger hitters to end the inning.

Nazareth lead-off man Kit Schulte got on after an error on Hartley third baseman Glover, but Jason Maurer hit into a fielder's choice and Schulte was tagged at second for the first out of the inning.

Maurer stole second on the first pitch to Nazareth's Mitchell Brockman, then Brockman singled

on the next pitch, scoring Maurer from second for the Swifts' first run.

A single by next batter Ethridge scored Brockman for a 2-0 Swift lead.

Ethridge was caught stealing second for the next out, then Jerad Birkenfeld grounded out to end the inning.

Ethridge struck out the first Tiger batter in the second inning, then walked Glover, who eventually stole second, then advanced to third on an error by Swift catcher Matt Olvera.

But in a replay of the first inning, the Tigers' hopes of scoring ended at third.

After the next batter reached on an error, he was thrown out, then Ethridge struck out the eighth batter to hold Hartley scoreless.

Nazareth picked up one run in the second for a 3-0 lead.

With one down, Hartley pitcher Frische walked Darren Huckert and Matt Olvera, then Dustin Ramaekers singled, scoring Huckert for the run.

Ethridge retired the side in the third, then led off for Nazareth in the bottom of the inning, scoring his team's fourth run.

Ethridge singled, then stole second

and third and finally scored, giving Nazareth a 4-0 lead.

Hartley's lead-off hitter in the fourth reached on a fielding error by Ethridge. After stealing second, Giesbrecht scored on a single by Boatman. Boatman stole second, then made it to third on a passed ball. He scored on an error to trim the Swift lead to 4-2.

Nazareth and Ethridge shut it down after that. A 1-3 play sent Powers to the dugout, then Olvera picked off Black stealing for the second out of the inning. Ethridge ended it by striking out Glover.

Nazareth went three up and three down in the bottom of the fourth, but were able to hold on for the win after Ethridge struck out the first and third Hartley batters in the fifth, and Frische popped up to third for an out.

The second game was a defensive battle for the first two innings before Hartley ran out of pitchers and Nazareth exploded for 16 runs in the third and fourth innings to take the 17-2 win.

Batting first, the Swifts had Maurer on first thanks to a walk. He took second on an error by Glover, who started on the mound in the second game. Maurer scored on a sacrifice fly by Brockman to give the Swifts a 1-0 lead.

Brockman faced four Tiger hitters in the first, with the first hitter flying out. Giesbrecht reached on a single, but was thrown out at second on a fielder's choice. Brockman struck out Powers to hold the Tigers at bay.

Nazareth's lone hit of the second inning came on a double by Stacey Schulte, but he was left standing on second and Hartley escaped.

Brockman struck out Glover, then gave up a single before the next two batters fell.

The Swifts' first big inning came in the third, with Bo Hunter leading off a series of walks. After Hunter, Tiger pitchers walked Kit Schulte, Maurer and Brockman, and that scored Hunter.

A sacrifice by Ethridge scored one, but the Swifts still had runners on second and third with one out.

After Birkenfeld struck out, Stacey Schulte hit a two-RBI single back at the pitcher.

Huckert singled and was knocked home by Olvera before Hunter struck out to end the inning, but the damage was done and Nazareth led 7-0.

Brockman sent the next three Tiger batters back to the dugout, striking each out in the third.

Kit Schulte led off the marathon 10-run fourth inning for the Swifts, reaching on a walk. He stole second, then Maurer walked, giving Nazareth runners at first and second with no outs.

Brockman suffered the Swifts' first out of the inning on a sacrifice, but Nazareth was able to extend its lead on the play.

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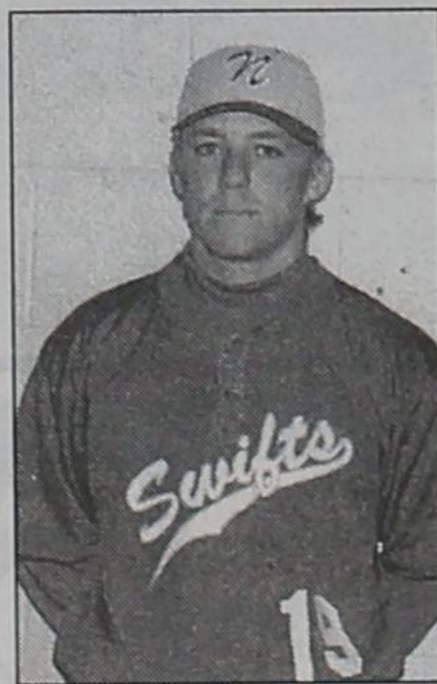
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ZACK MATTHEWS signs a letter of intent Monday to attend Oklahoma State University on a baseball scholarship. Seated with him is his coach, Bobby Feaster, and standing behind him are his parents, Treena and Derrell Matthews. Matthews is the first Dimmitt High School student ever to receive a college baseball scholarship. Photo by Don Nelson

## Matthews to play baseball for OSU

Dimmitt's Zack Matthews will play baseball on scholarship for Oklahoma State University of the Big 12 Conference.

The senior outfielder-pitcher signed a national letter of intent in the Chamber of Commerce office Monday to attend OSU. He wore an OSU shirt, and the signing table was decorated with a large "bouquet" of orange and black balloons.

Matthews is the first player from Coach Bobby Feaster's seven-year-old DHS baseball program to receive a player's scholarship.

Oklahoma State is a perennial national power in collegiate baseball. The Cowboys are currently ranked 25th in the nation by the Associated Press.

Although he has played shortstop and pitched for DHS, "They told me that they want me at center field because of my ability to run and field," Matthews said. "They said that batting-wise, I can use some improvement, but that my fielding fits the needs of their program."

"They said I should go play summer ball and that I could come in and start as a freshman, hopefully."

Matthews holds 12 individual records in Dimmitt High School's young program—most runs scored in a season, most triples in a season, most home runs in a season, least strikeouts, best batting average, most triples and home runs in district play, most games pitched in a season, most strikeouts for a pitcher in district play, and best earned-run average in district play.

"The only offensive school record he doesn't hold is stolen bases," Coach Feaster said. "He needs eight to get that."

Matthews said he chose Oklahoma State because "the campus looked nice and the coaching staff was nice."

He said he plans to major in sports medicine, with the intention of becoming an athletic trainer.

Matthews, who also has earned honors in football and track, passed up offers to play football at several smaller schools.

"I decided my size and ability were much better suited to baseball than to football," he said.

He said he's thrilled with the chance to play college baseball, but knows the transition from a small

high school to a Division I university won't be easy.

"My work habits are going to have to be a lot harder," he said. "No one goes from a small high school to Division I just like that."

"But it really feels great," he said. "I've been wanting to do this all my life, so it's a great experience."

He added, "I couldn't have done this without my dad and my coach."

Having placed his first player into a major-college baseball program on scholarship, does Coach Feaster feel he has any other players who might have a chance to play college ball?

"The whole dang bunch of 'em!" he said.

## Don Cornett Tourney set

The annual Don Cornett Tournament, a three-person scramble, is set for Saturday and Sunday at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

Entry fee is \$50 per person, plus cart and other options.

Cash prizes will be offered, and a free practice round will be available on the Friday before the tournament. Players will be flighted after the first day.

A meal will be served Saturday.

Those interested in entering may call 806-647-4502 or write P.O. Box 817, Dimmitt 79027.

## More about Swifts . . .

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Ethridge advanced to first on an error by the pitcher, then Jerad Birkenfeld struck out.

Facing two down with a man on first, Stacey Schulte stepped to the plate and picked up a hit that started a seven-run string for the Swifts.

Huckert got a double, advancing Schulte to third, then Hartley walked Nick Bermea for bases loaded with two outs. The next three batters all walked, resulting in three more runs for the Swifts. Those three walked batters all crossed the plate themselves and Brockman scored Nazareth's 10th run of the inning on a hit by Ethridge.

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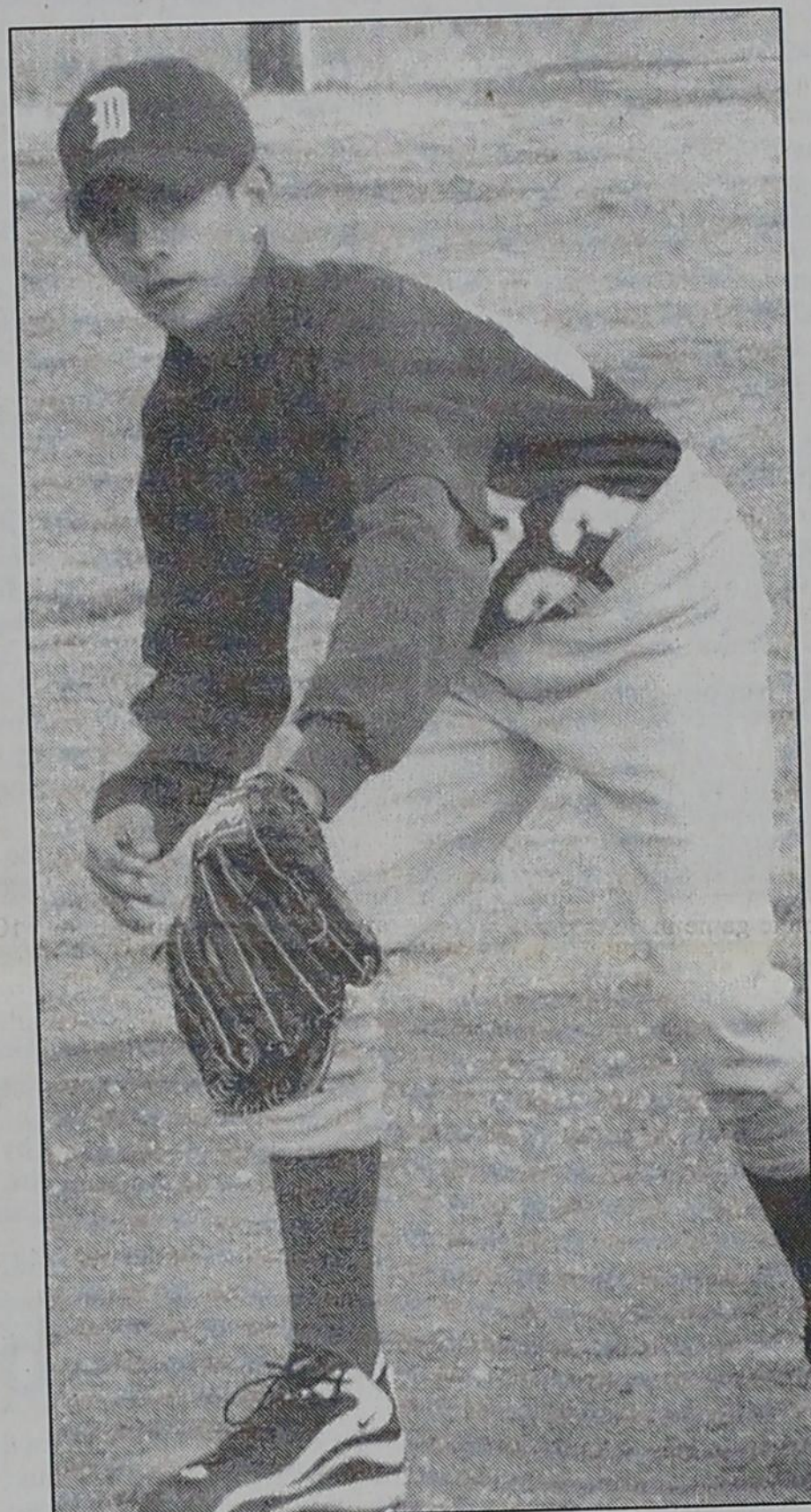
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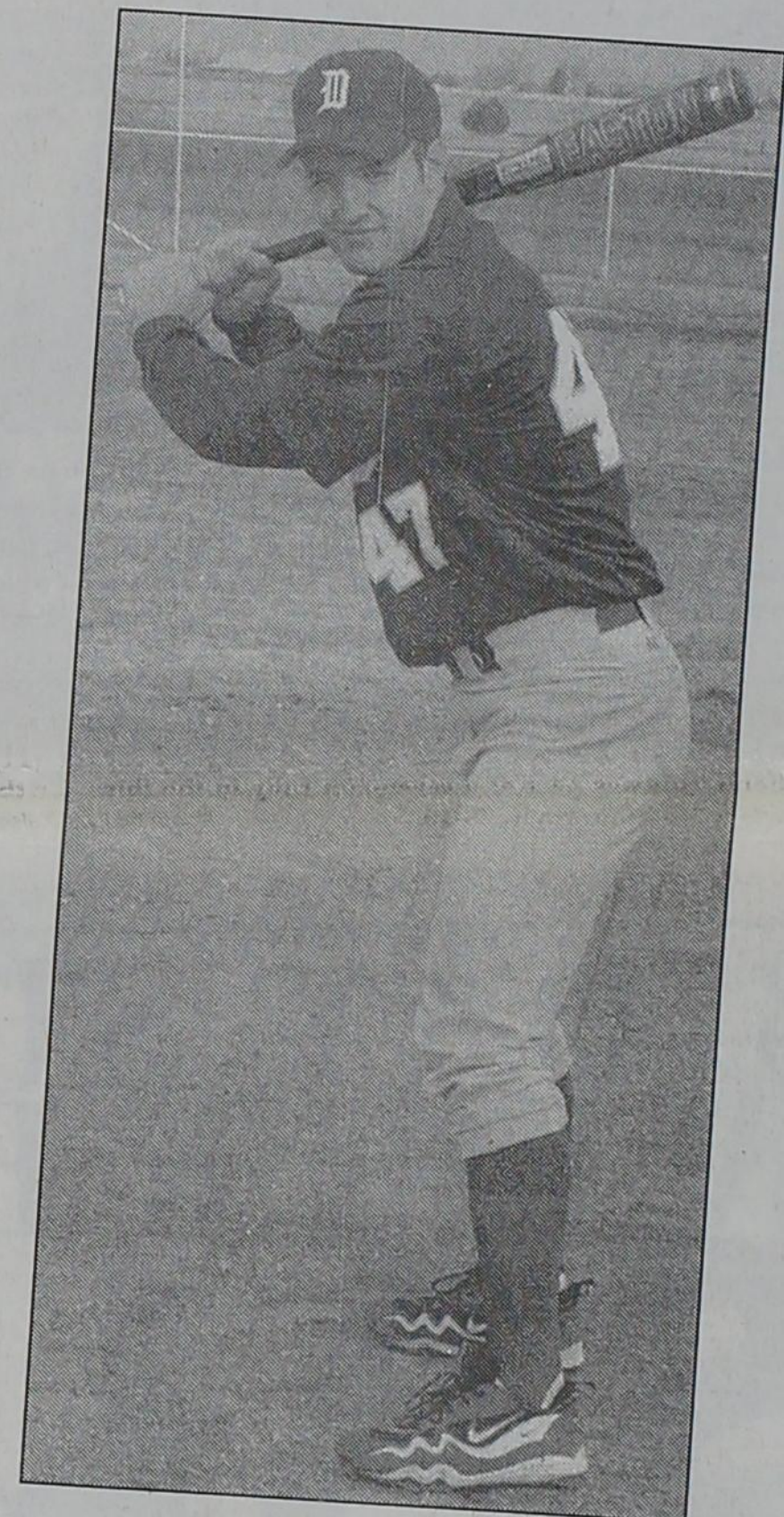
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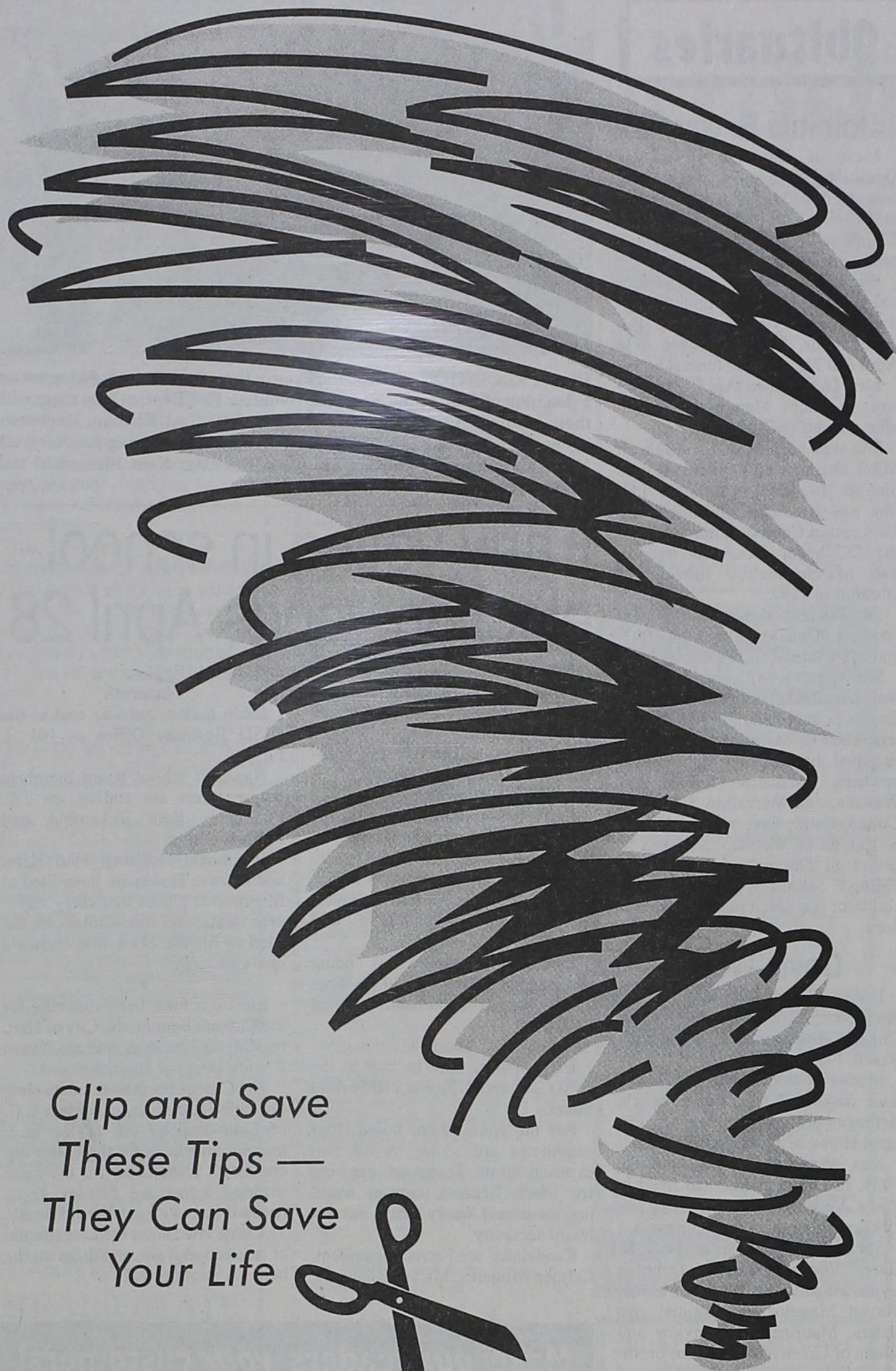
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# Know What To Do in case of Tornado or Lightning Storm

## Tornado Safety Rules

Decide in advance on a primary and secondary shelter. A storm cellar is best; there is no universal protection against tornadoes except underground facilities. There are no public tornado shelters in Castro County, however, the courthouse basement is made available during threatening weather. If you can't get to your primary shelter in time, then go to your secondary shelter.

In cities and towns, a tornado alert is signaled by a long, sustained blast of a siren. Safety officials will try to sound the alert in time for you to reach shelter. **IN HOMES:** Go to the storm cellar or basement and get under something sturdy.

If an underground shelter is not available, go to an interior, well-braced room that does not have windows. Closets, bathrooms and hallways are usually best.

Wrap yourself with blankets, pillows or a mattress for protection against flying glass and debris.

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Seek shelter in the basement or on the lowest floor, in an interior room—the smaller the better. Stay away from windows.

**IN MOBILE HOMES:**

Abandon the mobile home and go to the nearest shelter or permanent building. If there is no nearby shelter, lie flat in a ditch and cover your head.

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If school building is of strongly reinforced construction stay inside, away from windows. Remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. **AVOID GYMNASIUMS AND AUDITORIUMS**—they usually have poorly supported roofs!

**IN FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS:**

On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection and least hazard.

**IN VEHICLES:**

Get out of the vehicle and go to the nearest shelter area.

Lie flat in a ditch or low place if shelter is unavailable.

Do not attempt to outrun the tornado.

**IN OPEN COUNTRY:**

Lie flat in the lowest area possible—such as a ditch or ravine—and cover your head.

**IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:**

Keep calm. It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado.

Remember, even though a warning has been issued, the chances of a tornado striking your particular home or location are still slight. A tornado's path is relatively narrow, and sturdy structures are seldom totally demolished. But give yourself every advantage you can.

Stay tuned to your radio or TV station for latest tornado advisory information. If you have a scanner radio, keep it with you. Do not call the Weather Service, except to report a tornado, because your individual request may tie up phone lines and are urgently needed to relay advisories to radio and TV stations in the critical area.

## Lightning Storm Safety Rules

Move indoors immediately.

Do not use hand-held electrical appliances, including the telephone, except for emergencies.

Stay away from windows, doors, chimneys and other connections to the outside.

Do not bathe or take a shower until the storm passes.

Do not allow children to play outdoors during a thunderstorm.

**IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:**

Stay away from isolated tall objects and structures, including trees.

Avoid open areas that will cause you to project above the surrounding land surface.

Do not stand near wire fences, clotheslines, pipes or other metal surfaces which could conduct the lightning current from a distance.

If you are in your car, stay there—it offers excellent protection.

Stay away from tractors and farm equipment.

In a forest or wooded area, get under a group of SMALL trees.

**ON THE GOLF COURSE:**

Put down clubs, remove spiked shoes and head for a shelter.

Avoid open areas and trees.

Move away from golf carts.

**NEAR WATER:**

If swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a shelter.

Boaters should head for shore immediately.

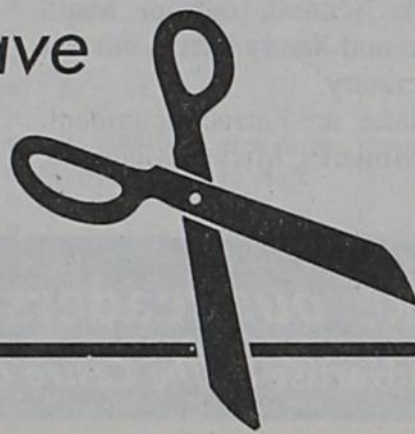
Fishermen should put down rods and move away from the water.

**IN ANY LOCATION:**

Regardless of your location, a tingling sensation on your skin or hair standing on end may indicate that lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees immediately but do not lie flat on the ground.

A person struck by lightning may sometimes be revived with prompt first aid treatment. Administer CPR on victims until qualified medical help arrives.

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